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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON SECURITY  
AND SOVEREIGNTY AND FORM OF COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT

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1. DURING CALL BY STAFFDEL DE HAAN NOVEMBER 25 MFA UNDERSECRE-  
TARY MOHAMMAD SHUKRY WAS ASKED WHAT KIND OF ARRANGEMENT EGYPT  
WOULD ACCEPT FOR SINAI AND SHARM EL-SHEIKH. SHUKRY SAID THAT  
SINAI AND SHARM MUST BE UNDER EGYPTIAN SOVEREIGNTY BUT THAT  
WITHIN THIS BASIC FRAMEWORK, ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE WORKED OUT  
WHICH WOULD GO FAR TO SATISFY ISRAEL'S NEED FOR SECURITY. SHUKRY  
SAID THAT HE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF GOE WERE ASKING THEMSELVES IF  
SOVEREIGNTY OVER SINAI NECESSARILY MEANT THE PRESENCE OF ARMED  
FORCES IN SINAI, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE RIGHT TO HAVE FORCES  
THERE WAS INHERENT IN THE CONCEPT OF TOTAL SOVEREIGNTY.  
REGARDING SHARM ES-SHEIKH, SHUKRY SAID THAT VIRTUALLY ANY  
ARRANGEMENT, A LONG LEASE BY UN OF GREAT POWERS, FOR EXAMPLE  
WAS ACCEPTABLE PROVIDED THAT EGYPT RETAINED HER SOVEREIGN RIGHTS  
TO SHARM, AND UN OR OTHER PRESENCE DID NOT TURN INTO AN OCCUPA-  
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2. SHUKRY WAS ASKED IF EGYPT WOULD OBJECT TO AN EXPLICIT US COMMITMENT BY TREATY TO ISRAEL'S SECURITY. HE REPLIED THERE WOULD BE NO REASON TO OBJECT. HE SAID THAT HE SAW ADVANTAGES TO SUCH A COMMITMENT IF IT PROVIDED ISRAEL WITH A SENSE OF SECURITY FOR HER TO LIVE AT PEACE WITH HER NEIGHBORS WITHIN HER OWN BORDERS.

3. SHUKRY WAS ALSO ASKED WHETHER EGYPT WOULD ACCEPT SEPARATE SETTLEMENT WITH ISRAEL, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF FACT THAT GOE HAD GIVEN INDICATION THAT IT MIGHT PURSUE THIS COURSE IN 1971. SHUKRY SAID THAT AN INDEPENDENT SETTLEMENT BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES WAS NOT POSSIBLE. ALL PARTIES TO THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT EGYPT SYRIA JORDAN LEBANON THE PALESTINIANS AND ISRAEL, WOULD HAVE TO BE PARTY TO A FINAL SETTLEMENT.

4. SHUKRY SAID THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE PERHAPS EVEN NECESSARY FOR GOE AND ISRAELIS TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THEIR ASPECTS OF SETTLEMENT AND THAT THIS AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA, ISRAEL AND JORDAN ETC. UNTIL COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT FORMULA HAD BEEN REACHED. AT THIS POINT AGREEMENTS WOULD BE FORMALIZED IN TREATY SIGNED SIMULTANEOUSLY BY ALL.

5. COMMENT: SHUKRY WAS ACCOMPANIED DURING MEETING BY NOTETAKER AND HIS REMARKS WERE THEREFORE AN OFFICIAL RATHER THAN A PERSONAL VIEW. HIS SUGGESTION THAT A DEMILITARIZED SINAI MIGHT BE POSSIBLE, WHILE NOT EXPLICIT, PARALLELS WAR MINISTER ISMAIL'S NOVEMBER 22 HINT (REFTEL) THAT TERRITORY IN SINAI TO THE EAST OF PRESENT EGYPTIAN POSITIONS MIGHT BE OCCUPIED BY UNEF FORCES ONLY.  
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